MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The Village Panchayat Bill was passed at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 13th February 1925/2nd Kumbham 1100, and it became law on the 1st Chingam 1101.

(2) and (3) Rules have first to be framed under Section 62 of the Regulation, before the Regulation can be brought into force. The draft rules framed by the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil have been received and are being examined.

Provision for the care of Lepers, etc.

128. **MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to take early steps for making more adequate provision or the care of lepers, incurables, the maimed and the utterly indigent section of the population in the State?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The question will be examined.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE DEBATE.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Sir, I have a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House.

PRESIDENT: I have just received a note from Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai in which he begs leave to make a motion "for the adjournment of the business of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*, the situation created by the unwarranted and unworthy aspersions cast on the public men of the State by the speech which the President thought fit to deliver last evening in winding up the debate about the assignment of lands to non-Travancoreans and the sneering and discourteous tone in which the President referred to the successful public agitation that was carried on against Mr. Watts' Brooke Bond Scheme."

To begin with, I am not aware of any situation having been created. Secondly, the statement is vague and is not a definite matter of urgent public importance. In the third place, it is a thing of the past and therefore it does not come within the purview of the rule permitting the adjournment of the business of the House. I am therefore unable to allow the discussion of the motion.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): In that case, Sir, would any event which took place yesterday be considered a matter of urgent public importance?

PRESIDENT: It all depends upon the circumstances of the case.

VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—(*Contd.*)

DEMAND IV—INCOME-TAX—RS. '32 LAKH.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. '32 lakh under Demand IV—Income Tax.

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